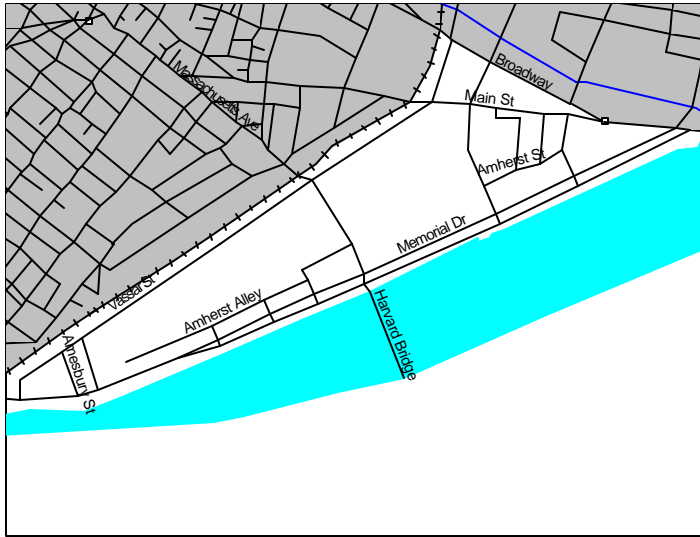
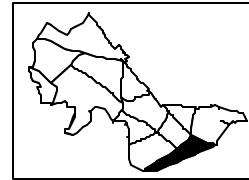


# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

# M.I.T. AREA



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,486 residents  
794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	0	0	0	0	0
Street Robbery	0	1	0	0	0
Auto Theft	4	3	3	3	1
Larceny from MVs	5	7	8	6	2
Malicious Destruction	3	4	2	3	7
Drug Arrests	2	2	0	1	0

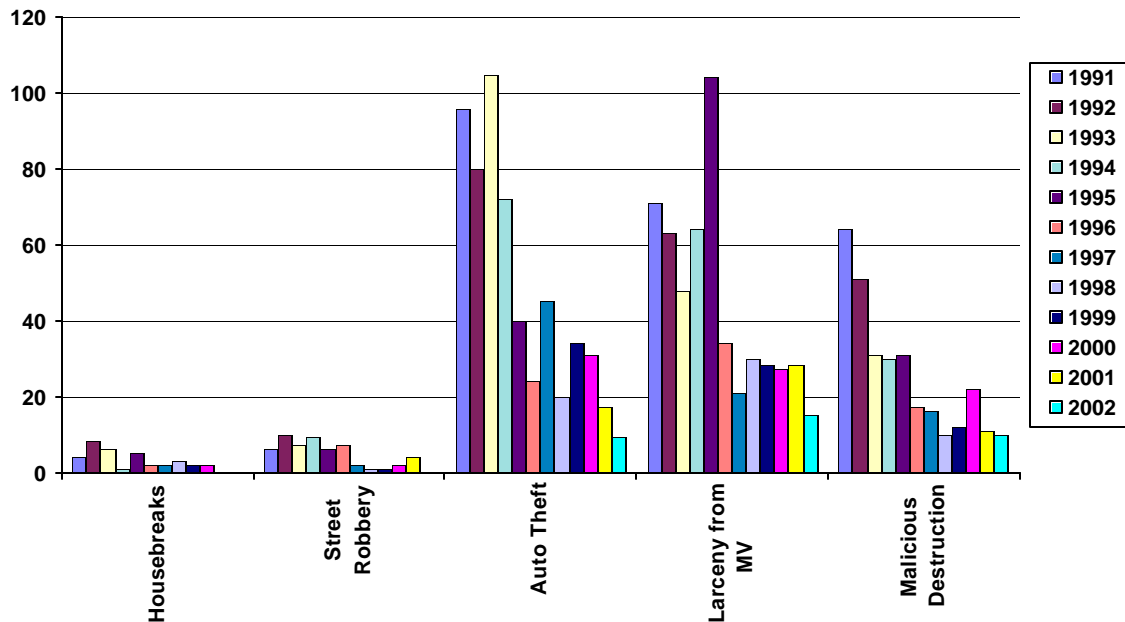
A total of ten target crimes have been reported in the MIT neighborhood since the beginning of 2003, three less crimes than in 2002. These consistently low numbers may not, however, correctly portray the community's activity, due to the fact that the MIT Police Department receives a majority of the campus' activity. Almost identical to last year's numbers are the number of **housebreaks**, **street robberies**, and **drug incidents**. There was not one reported case of any of these three crimes in 2003. The number of auto thefts dropped from three cases in 2002 to one in 2003. The sole incident took place in early February on Memorial Dr., and the stolen car has not been recovered. The one crime that this report reviews that *did* experience an increase was the number of **malicious destruction** incidents. Four of the seven incidents occurred on the same day in mid-January when sport utility vehicles were targeted along Vassar St. During these episodes, it was suspected that a BB gun was used to break the windows to the cars parked along the street – two vehicles were Ford Explorers, one a Jeep Grand Cherokee, and the last was a van. The culprit who was responsible for these acts and others in the City has not been apprehended, although this spree of destruction has ceased. The two reported **larceny from motor vehicles** transpired in the same parking garage at Cambridge Center, although temporal analysis reveals that they were not related.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.*

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto theft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Bank Boston ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	13
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	12
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	12
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	13
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13

\*RANKS ARE OUT OF 13 NEIGHBORHOODS, WITH 1 INDICATING THE HIGHEST CRIME RATE AND 13 THE LOWEST